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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Robin L. Blume  
Clerk of Court  
U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina  
901 Richland Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201-2431

**Re: State Farm Fire and Casualty Insurance Company v. Duke Energy Progress, LLC**  
**4:17-00685-AMQ**  
**HSB File No. 35621.0106**

Dear Ms. Blume:

I am in receipt of your letter, filed electronically with the Court on December 14, 2021, regarding Judge A. Marvin Quattlebaum, Jr., his role in the above-referenced matter, and the issue of his conflict disclosure. Neither I, nor my client, Duke Energy Progress, LLC, believe that any further action by the Court is required.

Our opinion is founded on the limited role that Judge Quattlebaum had in the case and the way in which the case resolved itself. Judge Quattlebaum was not involved in any substantive rulings in this case—he only issued consent amended scheduling orders agreed upon and proposed by the parties. Moreover, the case was resolved through settlement via a mediation with a private mediator agreed upon by the parties and a subsequent dismissal with prejudice filed by the parties.

As such, no substantive ruling of Judge Quattlebaum had any effect on the outcome of the case. Accordingly, we see no reason for the Court to take any action regarding the issues raised by your letter.

If we can provide anything further, please let me know. Thank you for your consideration.



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With kind regards,

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